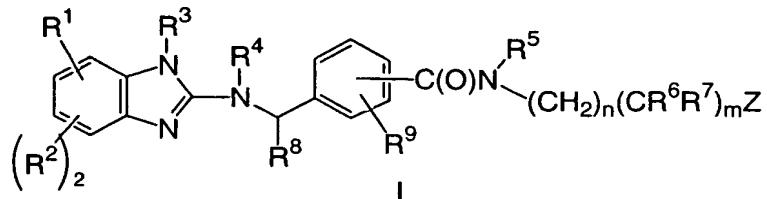


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

5 R¹ represents H or is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) OH, halo, CO₂R^a, C(O)NR^bR^c, NR^bR^c, CN or S(O)_pR^d;

b) C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, C₂₋₁₀alkynyl, OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, OC₃₋₁₀alkenyl and OC₃₋₁₀alkynyl,

said groups being optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to a perhaloalkyl group; (2) 1 oxo group; (3) 1-2 OH groups; (4) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: up to five halo

10 or a perhaloalkoxy, 1 OH or CO₂R^a group; (5) 1 CO₂R^a or S(O)_pR^d; (6) 1-2 Aryl, Hetcy or HAR groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (a) 1-5 halo groups, (b) 1 OH, CO₂R^a, CN, S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or C(O)NR^bR^c group, (c) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl, and 1-2 OH or CO₂R^a groups; and (d) 1-2 phenyl rings, each of which is optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo, 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further

15 optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO₂R^a groups; (e) -NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c; (f) -NR^a-CO₂R^c; (g) -NR^a-C(O)R^c; (h) -NR^bR^c; (i) -NR^aSO₂R^c; (j) -SO₂-NR^bR^c; (k) -C(O)NR^bR^c and (l) -OC(O)-NR^bR^c;

20 c) Aryl, HAR, Hetcy, -O-Aryl, -O-HAR and -O-Hetcy, each optionally substituted as set forth below: (1) 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl or C₂₋₁₀alkynyl groups optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; 1-2 OH groups; phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups, the alkyl and alkoxy groups being further optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; CO₂R^a; CN or S(O)_pR^d groups; and (2) 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH; phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy groups, the alkyl and alkoxy groups being further optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; CO₂R^a; CN or S(O)_pR^d groups;

25 said Aryl, HAR, Hetcy -O-Aryl, -O-HAR and -O-Hetcy group c) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (3) 1-5 halo groups; (4) 1-2 OH groups; (5) 1 S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or CN group; (6) 1-2 CO₂R^a; (7) -NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c; (8) -NR^a-CO₂R^c; (9) -NR^a-C(O)R^c; (10) -NR^bR^c; (11) -NR^aSO₂R^c; (12) -SO₂-NR^bR^c; and (13) -C(O)NR^bR^c;

30 and when R¹ represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) -C(O)NR^bR^c; (b) -CO₂R^c; (c) -C(O)R^c; and (d) -SO₂R^c;

each R² represents H or is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- a) OH, halo, CO₂R^a, C(O)NR^bR^c, NR^bR^c, CN or S(O)_pR^d;
- b) C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, C₂₋₁₀alkynyl, OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, OC₃₋₁₀alkenyl and OC₃₋₁₀alkynyl, said groups being optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to a perhaloalkyl

5 group; (2) 1 oxo group; (3) 1 OH group; (4) 1 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy group, each optionally substituted with: up to five halo or a perhaloalkoxy, 1 OH or CO₂R^a group; (5) 1 CO₂R^a or S(O)_pR^d; (6) 1 Aryl, Hetcy or HAR group, each optionally substituted as follows: (a) 1-5 halo groups, (b) 1 OH, CO₂R^a, CN, S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or C(O)NR^bR^c group, (c) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl, and 1-2 OH or CO₂R^a groups; and (d) 1-2 phenyl rings, each of which is optionally 10 substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo; and 1-2 hydroxy or CO₂R^a groups;

15 c) Aryl, HAR, Hetcy, -O-Aryl, -O-HAR and -O-Hetcy, each optionally substituted as set forth below: (1) 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl or C₂₋₁₀alkynyl groups optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO₂R^a, CN or S(O)_pR^d groups; (2) 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of

15 which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO₂R^a, CN or S(O)_pR^d groups; said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group c) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of; (3) 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (4) 1 OH group; (5) 1 S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or CN group; (6) 1 CO₂R^a;

20 R³ represents H or is selected from the group consisting of: a) C₁₋₁₀alkyl or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-2 OH, C₁₋₃alkoxy or haloC₁₋₃alkoxy groups; 1-2 NR^cR^d groups; and 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups and 1-2 groups selected from CN, NO₂, C₁₋₃alkyl, haloC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy and haloC₁₋₃alkoxy groups; and b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups and 1-2 groups selected from CN, NO₂, C₁₋₃alkyl, haloC₁₋₃alkyl, C₁₋₃alkoxy and haloC₁₋₃alkoxy groups;

25 R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) C₁₋₁₄alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl and C₂₋₁₀alkynyl, said groups being optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1 oxo group; (3) 1-2 OH groups; (4) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with up to five halo or a perhaloalkoxy, 1 OH or CO₂R^a group; (5) 1 CO₂R^a or S(O)_pR^d; (6) 1-2 Aryl, Hetcy or HAR groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) 1 OH, CO₂R^a, CN, S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or C(O)NR^bR^c group, (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl, and 1-2 OH or CO₂R^a groups; and (iv) 1-2 phenyl rings, each of which is optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO₂R^a groups;

35 b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-3 C₁₋₁₄alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl or C₂₋₁₀alkynyl groups optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, CO₂R^a, CN or

S(O)_pR^d groups or phenyl optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO₂R^a groups; (2) 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, CO₂R^a, CN, S(O)_pR^d, and phenyl optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO₂R^a groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OArly, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-3 halo groups; (ii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkenyl or C₂₋₁₀alkynyl groups each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO₂R^a, CN or S(O)_pR^d groups; (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO₂R^a, CN or S(O)_pR^d groups; and (iv) 1-2 CO₂R^a, S(O)_pR^d, CN, NR^bR^c, NO₂ or OH groups;

5 said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO₂R^a; (8) -NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c; (9) -NR^a-CO₂R^c; (10) -NR^a-C(O)R^c; (11) -NR^bR^c; (12) -NR^aSO₂R^c; (13) -SO₂-NR^bR^c; (14) -C(O) NR^bR^c and -OC(O)-NR^bR^c;

10 15 and when R⁴ represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) -C(O) NR^bR^c; (b) -CO₂R^c; (c) -C(O)R^c; and (d) -SO₂R^c;

20 R⁵ represents H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, F or C₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷ is H or F, or R⁶ and R⁷ are taken in combination and represent oxo;

R⁸ represents H or C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted with OH and 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

R⁹ represents H, halo, OH, C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo, or C₁₋₆alkoxy, optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups up to perhalo,

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or when R⁹ is ortho to the benzylic group, R⁸ and R⁹ can be taken together and represent a -(CH₂)₂₋₄- or a -O-(CH₂)₁₋₃- group;

R^a is H or C₁₋₁₀alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl, OH, OC₁₋₆alkyl, CO₂H, CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl and 1-3 halo groups;

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R^b is H or C₁₋₁₀alkyl;

R^c is H or is independently selected from: (a) C₁₋₁₀alkyl, optionally substituted with OH, OC₁₋₆alkyl, CO₂H, CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl, and 1-3 halo groups; (b) Aryl or Ar-C₁₋₆alkyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halos and 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: CN, OH, C₁₋₁₀alkyl and OC₁₋₁₀ alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (c) Hetcy or Hetcy-C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: oxo, C₁₋₁₀alkyl and OC₁₋₁₀ alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5

halo groups up to perhalo; and (d) HAR or HAR-C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: C₁₋₁₀alkyl and OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

5 R^d is C₁₋₁₀alkyl, Aryl or Ar-C₁₋₁₀alkyl;

m is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

n is an integer selected from 0 to 6;

p is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2, and

when at least one of m and n is other than 0, Z is selected from CO₂R^a, 5-tetrazolyl and

5-2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl), and when both m and n are 0, Z is selected from 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl).

10 2. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R¹ represents H.

15 3. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein one R² represents H, halo or C₁-

6alkyl, and the other is selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, OH, C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C₁₋₆alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups or 1 phenyl or heterocyclic ring, C₂₋₄alkenyl or OC₂₋₄alkenyl.

20 4. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R³ is selected from the group

consisting of: H, C₂₋₄alkenyl and C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted as follows: a) up to 3 halo groups; b) NR^cR^d wherein R^c and R^d are H or C₁₋₄ alkyl; c) OH; and d) Aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C₁₋₃alkyl, OC₁₋₃alkyl, CN, NO₂, haloC₁₋₃alkyl or O-haloC₁₋₃alkyl.

25 5. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R⁴ is independently selected

from the group consisting of:

(a) C₁₋₁₄alkyl, optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2)

1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkoxy; (3) 1-2 Aryl groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) CN or NO₂, (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl; and

30 (b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl

or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl groups, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, phenyl or CO₂R^a groups; (2) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OArly, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-3 halo groups; (ii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, and (iv) 1-2

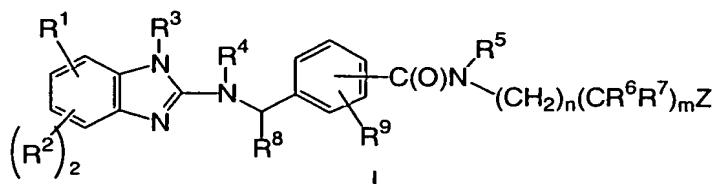
35 CO₂R^a, S(O)_pR^d, CN, NR^bR^c, NO₂ or OH groups;

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said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO₂R^a; (8) -NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c; (9) -NR^a-CO₂R^c; (10) -NR^a-C(O)R^c; (11) -NR^bR^c; (12) -NR^aSO₂R^c; (13) -SO₂-NR^bR^c; (14) -C(O)NR^bR^c and (15) -OC(O)-NR^bR^c;

5 and when R⁴ represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) -C(O)NR^bR^c; (b) -CO₂R^c; (c) -C(O)R^c; and (d) -SO₂R^c.

6. A compound represented by formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R¹ represents H;

one R² represents H, halo or C₁₋₆alkyl, and the other is selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, OH, C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C₁₋₆alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups or 1 phenyl or heterocyclic ring, C₂₋₄alkenyl or OC₂₋₄alkenyl;

15 R³ is selected from the group consisting of: H, C₂₋₄alkenyl and C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted as follows: a) up to 3 halo groups; b) NR^cR^d wherein R^c and R^d are H or C₁₋₄ alkyl; c) OH; and d) Aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C₁₋₃ alkyl, OC₁₋₃alkyl, CN, NO₂, haloC₁₋₃alkyl or O-haloC₁₋₃alkyl;

20 R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

(a) C₁₋₁₄alkyl, optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkoxy; (3) 1-2 Aryl groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) CN or NO₂, (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl; and

25 (b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, phenyl or CO₂R^a groups; (2) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OAr, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-3 halo groups; (ii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, and (iv) 1-2 CO₂R^a, S(O)_pR^d, CN, NR^bR^c, NO₂ or OH groups;

5 said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO₂R^a; (8) -NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c; (9) -NR^a-CO₂R^c; (10) -NR^a-C(O)R^c; (11) -NR^bR^c; (12) -NR^aSO₂R^c; (13) -SO₂-NR^bR^c; (14) -C(O) NR^bR^c and (15) -OC(O)-NR^bR^c;

10 and when R⁴ represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: -C(O) NR^bR^c; (b) -CO₂R^c; (c) -C(O)R^c; and (d) -SO₂R^c;

15 R⁸ represents H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

20 R⁹ represents H or halo;

R⁵ represents H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, F or C₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁷ is H or F, or R⁶ and R⁷ are taken in combination and represent oxo;

25 R^a is H or C₁₋₁₀alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl, OH, OC₁₋₆alkyl, CO₂H, CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl and 1-3 halo groups;

R^b is H or C₁₋₁₀alkyl;

30 R^c is H or is independently selected from: (a) C₁₋₁₀alkyl, optionally substituted with OH, OC₁₋₆alkyl, CO₂H, CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl, and 1-3 halo groups; (b) Aryl or Ar-C₁₋₆alkyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halos and 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: CN, OH, C₁₋₁₀alkyl and OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (c) Hetcy or Hetcy-C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: oxo, C₁₋₁₀alkyl and OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; and (d) HAR or HAR-C₁₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: C₁₋₁₀alkyl and OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

35 R^d is C₁₋₁₀alkyl, Aryl or Ar-C₁₋₁₀alkyl;

m is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

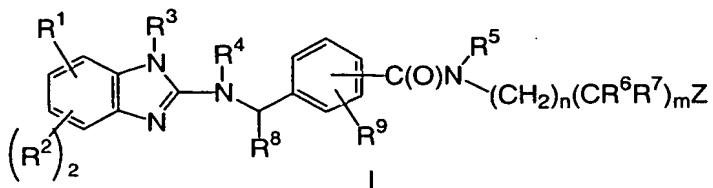
n is an integer selected from 0 to 6;

p is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2, and

when at least one of m and n is other than 0, Z is selected from CO₂R^a, 5-tetrazolyl and

35 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl), and when both m and n are 0, Z is selected from 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl).

7. A compound represented by formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R¹ represents H;

one R² represents H, halo or C₁₋₆alkyl, and the other is selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, OH, C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C₁₋₆alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups or 1 phenyl or heterocyclic ring, C₂₋₄alkenyl or OC₂₋₄alkenyl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of: H, C₂₋₄alkenyl and C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted as follows: a) up to 3 halo groups; b) NR^cR^d wherein R^c and R^d are H or C₁₋₄ alkyl; c) OH; and d) Aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C₁₋₃ alkyl, OC₁₋₃alkyl, CN, NO₂, haloC₁₋₃alkyl or O-haloC₁₋₃alkyl;

R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) C₁₋₁₄alkyl, optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkoxy; (3) 1-2 Aryl groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) CN or NO₂, and (iii) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl; and

b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, phenyl or CO₂R^a groups; (2) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OArly, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (a) 1-3 halo groups; (b) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkyl or C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups;

(c) 1-2 C₁₋₁₀alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, and

(d) 1-2 CO₂R^a, S(O)_pR^d, CN, NR^bR^c, NO₂ or OH groups;

said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 S(O)_pR^d, NO₂ or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO₂R^a; (8) -NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c; (9) -NR^a-CO₂R^c; (10) -NR^a-C(O)R^c; (11) -NR^bR^c; (12) -NR^aSO₂R^c; (13) -SO₂-NR^bR^c; (14) -C(O)NR^bR^c and (15) -OC(O)-NR^bR^c;

and when R⁴ represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) -C(O)NR^bR^c; (b) -CO₂R^c; (c) -C(O)R^c; and (d) -SO₂R^c;

R⁸ and R⁹ are taken in combination and represent -(CH₂)₂₋₄-;

R⁵ represents H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, F or C_{1-3} alkyl;

R^7 is H or F, or R^6 and R^7 are taken in combination and represent oxo;

R^a is H or C_{1-10} alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl, OH, OC_{1-6} alkyl, CO_2H , CO_2C_{1-6} alkyl and 1-3 halo groups;

5 R^b is H or C_{1-10} alkyl;

R^c is H or is independently selected from: (a) C_{1-10} alkyl, optionally substituted with OH, OC_{1-6} alkyl, CO_2H , CO_2C_{1-6} alkyl, and 1-3 halo groups; (b) Aryl or Ar- C_{1-6} alkyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halos and 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: CN, OH, C_{1-10} alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (c) Hetcy or Hetcy- C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: oxo, C_{1-10} alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; and (d) HAR or HAR- C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: C_{1-10} alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

15 R^d is C_{1-10} alkyl, Aryl or Ar- C_{1-10} alkyl;

m is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

n is an integer selected from 0 to 6;

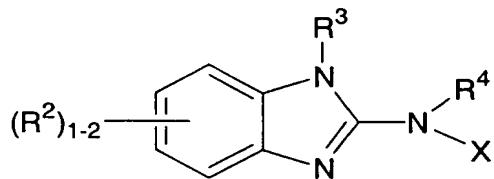
p is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2, and

when at least one of m and n is other than 0, Z is selected from CO_2R^a , 5-tetrazolyl and

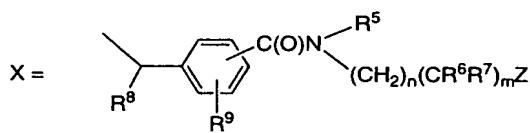
20 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl), and when both m and n are 0, Z is selected from 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl).

8. A compound falling within table A below:

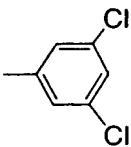
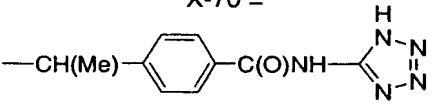
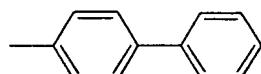
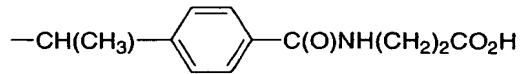
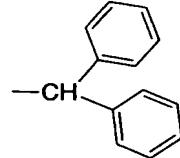
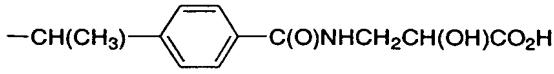
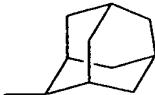
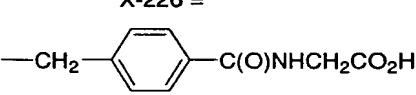
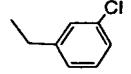
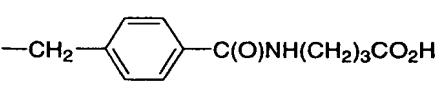
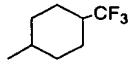
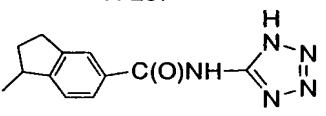
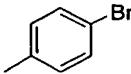
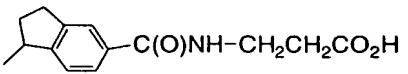
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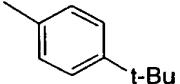
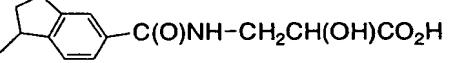
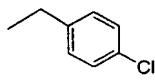
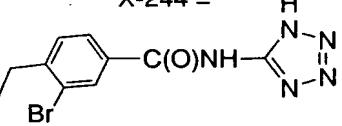
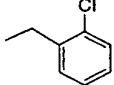
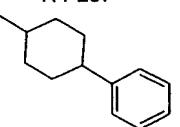
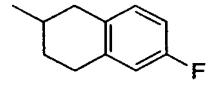
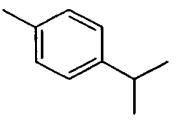
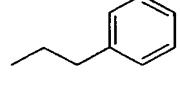
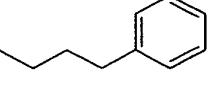
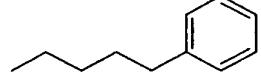
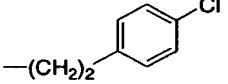
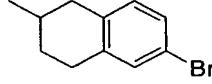
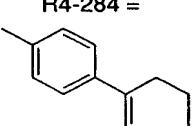


wherein R², R³ and R⁴ are in accordance with formula I and X is as shown below.



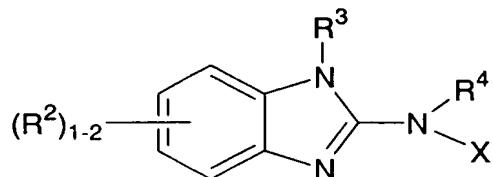
R4-1 =		X-1 =	
R4-2 =		X-3 =	
R4-54 =		X-19 =	
R4-95 =		X-21 =	
R4-113 =		X-29 =	

$R4-122 =$ 	$X-70 =$ 
$R4-238 =$ 	$X-85 =$ 
$R4-245 =$ 	$X-86 =$ 
$R4-256 =$ 	$X-226 =$ 
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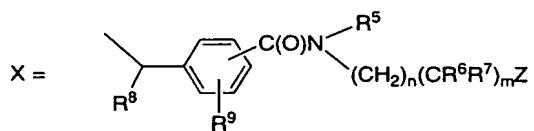
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R4-269 = 	R4-273 = 
R4-275 = 	R4-276 = 
R4-277 = 	R4-278 = 
R4-282 = 	R4-284 = 

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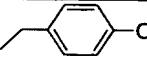
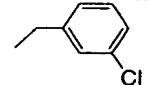
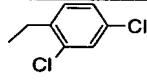
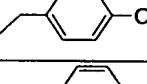
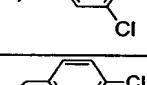
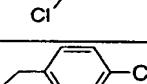
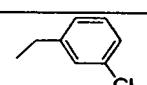
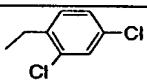
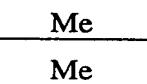


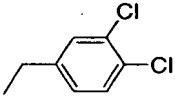
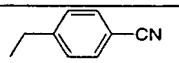
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3	5-Me	H	R4-1	X-3
4	5-Me	H	R4-2	X-3
5	5-OCF ₃	H	R4-1	X-1
6	5-OCF ₃	H	R4-2	X-3
7	5-OCF ₃	H	R4-2	X-1
8	6-Me	Me	R4-2	X-3
9	5-Cl	H	R4-2	X-3
10	5-Cl	H	R4-1	X-3
11	6-Me	Me	R4-2	X-1
12	5-Cl	H	R4-2	X-1
13	5-Cl	H	R4-1	X-1
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17	H	H	R4-2	X-1
18	H	Me	R4-2	X-1
19	H	Me	R4-2	X-19
20	H	Me	R4-2	X-3
21	H	Me	R4-2	X-21
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23	5-Me	H	R4-2	X-21
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25	H	Et	R4-2	X-1
26	H	Et	R4-2	X-21
27	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-3
28	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-1
29	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-29
30	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-21
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34	H	cPentyl	R4-2	X-21
35	H	Et	R4-2	X-29
36	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-3
37	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-29
38	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-1
39	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-21
40	H	-CH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	R4-2	X-3
41	H	-CH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	R4-2	X-29
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84	H	Me	R4-2	x-85
85	H	Me	R4-2	X-86
86	5,6-di-F	Me	R4-2	X-3
87	5,6-di-F	Me	R4-2	X-1
88	5,6-di-F	Me	R4-2	X-21
89	H	(CH ₂) ₃ OH	R4-2	X-3
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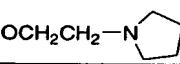
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104	6-allyloxy	Et	R4-2	X-29
105	5,6-di-F	Et	R4-2	X-3
106	H	Me	R4-113	X-3
107	5,6-di-F	Et	R4-2	X-21
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149	5-isopropyl oxy	Me	R4-2	X-29

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161	6-isopropoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
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181	H		R4-2	X-1
182	H		R4-2	X-1
183	H		R4-2	X-3
184	H		R4-2	X-21
185	H		R4-2	X-1
186	H		R4-2	X-3
187	H		R4-2	X-21
188	H		R4-2	X-1
189	H	Me	R4-2	X-237
190	H	Me	R4-2	X-238
191	H	Me	R4-2	X-239
192	6-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
193	6-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
194	6-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
195	5-OMe	Me	R4-54	X-3
196	5-OMe	Me	R4-54	X-1
197	6-allyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
198	6-allyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-1
199	6-allyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-21
200	6-OH	Me	R4-95	X-3
201	5-OEt	Me	R4-2	X-3
202	5-cyclobutyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
203	5-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
204	5-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
205	5-cyclohexyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3

206	5-cyclohexyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
207	5-OEt	Me	R4-2	X-1
208	5-cyclobutoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
209	5-OCH ₂ CHF ₂	Me	R4-2	X-3
210	5-OCH ₂ CHF ₂	Me	R4-2	X-1
211	5-cyclobutyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
212	5-cyclobutyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
213	5-cyclopentyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
214	5-cyclopentyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
215	6-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
216	5-CF ₃	Me	R4-2	X-3
217	6-benzyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
218	5-CF ₃	Me	R4-2	X-1
219	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-54	X-3
220	6-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-1
221	6-benzyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-1
222	6-OEt	Me	R4-2	X-3
223	6-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
224	6-OCH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	Me	R4-2	X-3
225	6-OEt	Me	R4-2	X-1
226	6-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
227	6-OCH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	Me	R4-2	X-1
228	H	Me	R4-54	X-237
229	5-Br	Me	R4-2	X-3
230	5-Br	Me	R4-2	X-1
231	H	Et	R4-2	X-226
232	H	Et	R4-2	X-227
233	6-OCH ₂ CHF ₂	Me	R4-2	X-3
234	6-OCH ₂ CHF ₂	Me	R4-2	X-1
235	5-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-244
236	H	Me	R4-245	X-3
237	6-cyclohexyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3

238	H	Me	R4-122	X-3
249	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-237
240	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-54	X-3
241	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-54	X-1
242	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-54	X-1
243	6-cyclohexyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
244	6-cyclohexyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
245	6-cyclohexyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
246	H	Me	R4-256	X-1
247	6- -OCH ₂ CH ₂ -N 	Me	R4-2	X-3
248	5-OMe	Me	R4-258	X-3
249	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-244
250	H	Me	R4-260	X-3
251	H	Me	R4-261	X-3
252	H	Me	R4-262	X-3
253	H	Me	R4-262	X-1
254	5-OMe	Me	R4-122	X-3
255	5-OMe	Me	R4-265	X-3
256	5-OMe	Me	R4-266	X-3
257	H	Me	R4-267	X-1
258	H	Me	R4-267	X-3
259	H	Me	R4-269	X-1
260	H	Me	R4-269	X-3
261	H	Me	R4-238	X-3
262	H	Me	R4-238	X-1
263	H	Me	R4-273	X-3
264	H	Me	R4-273	X-1
265	H	Me	R4-275	X-3
266	H	Me	R4-276	X-3
267	H	Me	R4-277	X-3
268	H	Me	R4-278	X-3
269	H	Me	R4-278	X-1

270	5-n-pentyloxy	Me	R4-122	X-3
271	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-122	X-3
272	H	Me	R4-282	X-1
273	H	Me	R4-282	X-3
274	H	Me	R4-284	X-3
275	H	Me	R4-284	X-1
276	5-OCF ₃	Me	R4-95	X-3
277	5-CF ₃	Me	R4-95	X-3
278	5-Cl	Me	R4-95	X-3
279	5-OMe	Me	R4-95	X-3
280	5-OMe	Me	R4-95	X-1
281	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
282	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

9. A pharmaceutical composition which is comprised of a compound in accordance
5 with claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. A method of treating type 2 diabetes mellitus in a mammalian patient in need of
such treatment, comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with claim 1 in an
amount that is effective to treat type 2 diabetes mellitus.